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SUBJECT: PROBE OF ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS OF JUNTA

- 1. PRIME MINISTER CONSTANTINE CARAMANLIS ANNOUNCED JAN 10 THAT THREE-MEMBER COMMITTEES WILL BE ASSIGNED BY APPROPRIATE MINISTERS TO GOVERNMENT MINISTERIES, AGENCIES AND PUBLIC ENTITIES TO EXAMINE AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, FINANCING, AND OTHER ECONOMIC TRANSACTIONS CONCLUDED DURING SEVEN YEAR PERIOD OF JUNTA.
- 2. COMMITTEES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EXAMINING LEGALITY OF SUCH TRANSACTIONS, WHETHER THEY WERE IN PUBLIC INTEREST AND WHETHER THERE IS ANY EVIDENCE OF FAVORITISM. IN EVENT THAT DEROGATORY INFORMATION DEVELOPED, COMMITTEES ARE TO DETERMINE GUILTY PARTIES, AND INITIATE DISCIPLINARY OR LEGAL ACTION.
- 3. WORK OF COMMITTEES WILL BE SUPERVISED BY A CENTRAL AGENCY NOT YET ESTABLISHED, WHICH WILL INCLUDE PRESIDENT OF STATE AUDITING COUNCIL, A SUPREME COURT JUDGE, REPRESENTATIVE OF BANK OF GREECE, AND TWO UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS.
- 4. COMMENT: IT IS APPARENT FROM PRIVATE REACTION OF PROMINENT MEMBERS OF BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT THERE IS SOME CONCERN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVER POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS OF INVESTIGATION. PRESIDENT

OF ATHENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY PANAGOS HAS NOTED TO EMBOFFS THAT PROSPECT OF INVESTIGATIONS, AMONG MANY OTHER FACTORS, CONTRIBUTING TO SOMEWHAT NEGATIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE IN MARKETPLACE. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW SERIOUS GOG IS ABOUT PURSUING "IRREGULARITIES" FROM JUNTA PERIOD. GOG, OF COURSE, SIGNED MANY AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN, INCLUDING US, CONCERNS DURING 1967-74. KUBISCH

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